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SUBJECT: PDRY RELEASES AMCITS

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1. US CITIZENS VINCENT F. TORHAN AND ROBERT A. KOPP WERE RELEASED BY PDRY OFFICIALS IN ADEN ON SEPTEMBER 14. NEXT-OF-KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. THEY ARE EXPECTED RETURN TO US
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IN FEW DAYS.

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2. FYI. COINCIDENTALLY, US DEMARCHE MADE TO PDRY AT UN ON SEPT 10 ARRIVED IN ADEN AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AS AMCITS WERE BEING RELEASED TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN ADEN ON SEPT 14. THEY TRAVELED TO CAIRO WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ASHRAF MARWAN ON THAT DAY. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACT MOTIVATION FOR PDRY ACTION AT THIS TIME, BUT WE BELIEVE IT PRIMARILY RESULT OF RECENT INTENSIVE EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PRESSURES THROUGH UK AMBASSADOR AT ADEN, USUN, AND POSSIBLY YARG. NO OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE KNOWN TO BE IMPRISONED IN ADEN. HOWEVER, NATIONAL CASH REGISTER OFFICIAL VICTOR DICK, WHO IS LEBANESE CITIZEN, BELIEVED STILL BEING HELD PRISONER.IN ADEN. END FYI.

3. ACCORDINGLY, USUN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER ORAL PRESENTATION TO PDRY UN REPRESENTATIVE AND LEAVE BEHIND AIDE-MEMOIRE AS FOLLOWS: QTE. WITH REFERENCE TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE OF THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 10, THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS WISHES TO CONVEY TO THE MISSION OF THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THAT IT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS VINCENT F. TORHAN AND ROBERT A. KOPP HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND ARE PRESENTLY AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN CAIRO, ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED THAT THIS MATTER HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED. UNQTE.

4. ALL ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON PARA 1 ABOVE IN EVENT OF IMMEDIATE QUERIES FROM PRESS AND HOST GOVERNMENTS, FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SOON. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT RELEASE OF AMCITS UNRELATED TO QUESTION OF US-PDRY RELATIONS; BUT THAT USG OF COURSE WELCOMES RELEASE. YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY MENTION OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT AT THIS TIME.

5. FOR SANA: YOU MAY ADVISE YARG OF DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING EGYPTIAN ROLE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD STRESS TO YARG THAT, AT REQUEST OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW TO DEVELOPMENTS IN MADRID, USG NOT REPEAT NOT ACKNOWLEDGE ROLE OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT TIME. KISSINGER

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